

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 State Route 295
Chatham, New York 12037

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2019
6:00 PM

PRESENT

Supervisor Maria Lull, Councilman Bob Balcom, Councilman Michael Richardson, Councilman John Wapner, Councilman Kevin Weldon, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Blasl

Supervisor Lull called the meeting to order at 6PM and followed with the pledge to the flag.

SUPERVISOR'S STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

Reflecting upon the Town Board's accomplishments in 2018, I thank and praise all the hard work from all the employees of the Town of Chatham. The accomplishments by our capable workforce deserve to be recognized. A special thank you to Joe Rickert, Highway Superintendent, for the great job he does year after year and thank you to all our Highway Department employees for their hard work in keeping our roads in good repair and safe for all to travel.

Chatham is very lucky to have so many citizens who volunteer their time and energy on the various boards and committees. Thank you for giving of your talents and ideas. We are reminded that Chatham would not be the wonderful town we love without the generous spirit of volunteerism. On behalf of the Town Board, Thank You All! It is my pleasure to remind everyone that we have met the challenges and built a budget for 2019 that will allow the Town to be able to adequately save funds for extraordinary and unpredictable expenditures while spending funds for the true cost of operating the government. In addition, we found alternatives, in both the short term and long term, to solve the budget problems, and we fixed a tax rate that was well under the state mandated tax cap. These actions have established a sustainable course and solid financial planning for the future.

As we begin 2019, the residents of the Town can be confident that I will continue to work diligently to ensure that your hard-earned tax dollars are protected.

The following are the highlights of the accomplishments of our Town Board for 2018:

1. Established a Road Maintenance Policy for Highway Superintendent to preserve dirt/gravel roads in the Town.

2. Installation of the Electric Vehicle Charging Station in the Village of Chatham.

This is the fourth item completed by the Chatham's Climate Smart Committee out of ten high impact action items. Other activities accomplished include tracking of town building energy use, adoption of the unified solar permit to streamline the approval process for solar installation, and attendance by town building inspectors of energy code enforcement training. Completing four out of the ten high impact action items now makes the town eligible to receive additional funding for town wide energy efficiency improvements.

3. Established a Fund Balance Policy. To protect the Town's future financial planning, legally established
 - Capital Reserve Fund: Town Hall Properties
 - Capital Reserve Fund: Town Park Facilities
 - Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund (This would cover unexpected legal expenses or other problems that would cause a tax increase.)
4. An Emergency Plan with Sheriff's Department was established for the summer camp counselors and campers.
5. Conducted the Columbia County Sheriff's Department sponsored Citizen's Active Shooter Training for all town employees and the part time counselors for the children's summer camp.
6. Based upon a request from our Highway Superintendent, we passed a new timbering law.
7. Computers were upgraded in five departments.
8. All light bulbs were changed at the Town Hall to LEDs to realize an estimated annual savings of \$2,300.
9. Installed secure Town Email addresses for all department heads and elected officials.
10. Established a Town Email Policy for all recipients of Town Email addresses.
11. Secured funds from the county of \$250.00 for the Town Historian for document preservation as this department has no budgetary appropriation.
12. In the process of launching a new town website.
13. The Green Brook is now flowing with the completion of the removal of the collapsed culvert on the town owned railroad bed through a grant received by the Town of \$287,000.
14. We approved the Trout Unlimited Road Stream Crossing Survey Evaluation and Prioritization Project which is designed to help improve community and ecosystem resiliency by identifying high priority road stream crossing replacement projects that reconnect high quality aquatic habitat and improve community flood resiliency and road infrastructure.
15. A new Highway Garage heating system is being installed through Climate Smart Committee grants through NYSEERDA which will improve air quality for highway crew and save approximately \$5000 to \$10,000 annually on fuel oil costs.
16. A student was given permission to construct two life size checker/chess boards at Crellin Park for use in the summer children's program.
17. Installed new sign at Town Hall and moved flag pole for improved roadside visibility.
18. This spring, the Town Hall building is to be re-landscaped along with new plantings at the new sign. The Fall was too wet to plant.
19. Installed a new sign at Crellin Park; with plantings to be installed in the spring.
20. We are in the process of securing a 10-year bond for Crellin Park improvements and completion of pavilion.
21. New Crellin Community Park rules and regulations were enacted to provide expanded public safety and awareness throughout the park.
22. Achieved a 2019 tax rate of .0789% - significantly below the state mandated tax cap and the state comptroller's office has removed the financial fiscal stress ranking from the Town.
23. Plans are underway to donate 3 acres to the NYS Police Department to enable them to build a new building next to Town Hall. With the state police barracks located in our Town, we will realize additional police protection and coverage throughout the town for many years including a quick response for the Chatham schools and the business district.
24. We have finalized the proposed new zoning law and anticipate its passing shortly.
25. We secured funding from the NYS Department of Transportation for the East Chatham Bridge traffic light and intersection re-construction.

2019 will bring additional challenges and work to improve the town and its facilities. I look forward to working with the Town Board to realize our shared goals.

Each Town Board member has their unique gifts and talents and brings their view points to our meetings to help us make the best decision as a Town Board. Although we may disagree at times on a topic, we all work towards the good of the Town. To each of you, I say thank you for your dedication of time and willingness to serve the citizens of the Town of Chatham.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

The Chatham Town Board appreciates information received from the public during the Public Comment portion of each meeting, which often is very helpful in the governance of the Town. It is, however, not intended to be a debate with the public or a question and answer period. Issues raised during the public comment may be addressed by the Board during its regular meeting or by the Supervisor between meetings as necessary. As a courtesy to the other members of the public, there is a 5 minute per person limitation on oral comments for each public comment period. The public is also encouraged to provide the Board with written comments or materials when the subject matter cannot be presented in this time frame. Of course, while the Board discourages any remarks which may be considered defamatory or stigmatizing, it will not restrict the content of the public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Report by Councilman Wapner and Councilman Weldon regarding the Recreation & Parks Committee. Wapner reported that they are working on Park Day and have vendors who had participated last year already lined up. They're getting an early start on advertising as well. They are rewriting the outdated Park Plan, condensing it and omitting the obsolete content. The new document will be smaller. CARP is working on the ice skating rink at Crellin.
- Report by Councilman Balcom on the meetings of the Citizens Finance and Planning Committee.
- Report by Councilman Balcom on the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee.
- Report by Councilman Weldon on Climate Smart Community Committee. Weldon reported that they should be hearing about the NYSERDA grant by the end of the month. They will need to extend the propane heater rental at the highway garage. The new wood fired heating system project is at a standstill awaiting grant funding.
- Report by Councilman Michael Richardson on Economic Stabilization Committee. Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of the month at 5:30. They are looking for another member. Their focus will be on affordable housing, to promote and foster home occupations and stabilizing small businesses.

REPORTS

- Highway Department – report on file
- Assessor -
- Code Enforcement/Building Inspector – report on file
- Dog Control – no report
- Environmental Management Council – no report

- Finance Department Report – report on file
- Justice Court – report on file
- Office of the Aging Advisory Board – no report
- Recreation Director - report on file
- Supervisor’s Report – report on file
- Town Accounting firm – Monthly Financial Report & Abstract – report on file
- Town Attorney – Lull reported that she has spoken with Attorneys Ferlazzo and John Lyons and the suggestion is to take the Fee Schedule out of the Zoning Code. The Board can revisit the fee schedule annually and make changes as necessary by resolution without requiring a code book update.
- Town Clerk – report on file

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Blasl, President of the Friends of the Tracy, explained that the Friends are charged with maintaining the Tracy and its architectural beauty. On Friday, February 15th the FOT will hold a Kickoff celebration in advance of the Villages 150 anniversary. The Friends are asking the Town to assist financially with the event. Richardson said that there needs to be a signed agreement before funds are released. This is a good opportunity for the Village and the Town to reestablish a connection.

- Local Law No. 1 of 2019 to provide setting of building and other fees in annual resolution rather than by amending the provisions of the Town Code.
- Adjust name of Economic Development Committee to Economic Stabilization Committee and appointing new members: Randi Walker and Van Calhoun
- State required resolution in support of Town Assessor updating assessment rolls.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss audit of Town Clerk and Tax Collector records. Lull spoke to Bucci about the cost of the audits and he said that their fee is “what it costs”.
- Discuss support of Columbia County Environmental Management Council Resolution. Weldon said that the Climate Smart Committee is supportive of this resolution. Lull is ambivalent about it. There is a whole bureaucracy built around this over the years and we are all mindful of our environment.
- Discuss Albany Hudson Electric Trail. Richardson questions its progress. Lull reported that the trail will be finished in 2020. Engineers are designing additional lanes on Route 203 in North Chatham as part of the trail. Lull said the State has put the expenditure on our backs. They should hire and pay local businesses to maintain the trail. The proposed cost to maintain the trail on an annual basis will run about \$4000K.

Councilman Balcom feels that the broadband expansion has helped many but not all and feels that things are at a standstill. He would like the Board to put pressure on the broadband companies, Columbia County and our new representatives to keep this moving until everyone is served. He will prepare a resolution.

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 39-2019 to approve the town accountant's letter of engagement for audit of the Tax Collector records.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham Town has appointed Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs as the town's accounting firm who will prepare a written report upon completion of their engagement listing the procedures performed and findings regarding the Tax Collector in performing their duties regarding town accounts, and WHEREAS, the Town is required to have an audit completed in accordance with the Local Government Management Guide: Fiscal Oversight Responsibilities promulgated by the New York State Office of the Comptroller, and WHEREAS, the Town Accounting firm of Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci recommend audits be conducted for the Tax Collector records for the periods of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in accordance with the New York State Office of the Comptroller, and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board accepts the price(s) quoted in Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci's Letter of Engagement dated December 31, 2018 estimated to be approximately \$2100.00 per annum based upon the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement. If significant additional time is necessary, the town accounting firm will discuss with the Town Board and arrive at a new fee estimate before any additional costs are incurred. FURTHERMORE, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Letter of Engagement of December 31, 2018.

Offered by Councilman Balcom, second by Councilman Wapner.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 40-2019 to approve the town account's letter of engagement for the audit of the Town Clerk records.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham Town has appointed Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs as the town's accounting firm who will prepare a written report upon completion of their engagement listing the procedures performed and findings regarding the Town Clerk in performing their duties regarding town accounts, and WHEREAS, the Town is required to have an audit completed in accordance with the Local Government Management Guide: Fiscal Oversight Responsibilities promulgated by the New York State Office of the Comptroller, and WHEREAS, the Town Accounting firm of Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci recommend audits be conducted for the Town Clerk records for the periods of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in accordance with the New York State Office of the Comptroller, and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board accepts the price(s) quoted in Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci's Letter of Engagement dated December 31, 2018 estimated to be approximately \$2100.00 per annum based upon the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement. If significant additional time is necessary, the town accounting firm will discuss with the Town Board and arrive at a new fee estimate before any additional costs are

incurred. FURTHERMORE, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Letter of Engagement of December 31, 2018.

Offered by Councilman Balcom, second by Councilman Wapner

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 44-2019 to authorize Supervisor to sign shared services agreement with Columbia County MIS Department.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham wishes to take part in the Columbia County's Shared Services initiative in an effort to realize savings to the town and county taxpayers, and WHEREAS, the Town Board has authorized the County Management Information Services (MIS) Department as the Town's technology service provider at an hourly rate of \$55.00 per hour for the services rendered billed in 15 minute increments, and WHEREAS, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Shared Services Agreement for 2019 which will run from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 and may be terminated upon 30 days prior written notice, and NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the County MIS Shared Services Agreement insofar as this agreement shall be for one year from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$55.00 for services rendered, billed in 15 minute increments.

Offered by Councilman Richardson, second by Councilman Wapner.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 45-2019 supporting the Town Assessor in updating the 2021 Assessment Roll and authorizing Supervisor to sign County Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board supports the efforts of its Town Assessor Daniel Horst in updating of the Town's 2021 Assessment Roll and maintenance of such Assessment Roll at full-market value, and WHEREAS, the Town Board supports the allocation of sufficient resources for Town staff and services to complete the project, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board hereby expresses its support of its Town Assessor Daniel Horst in updating of the Town's 2021 Assessment Roll and maintenance of such Assessment Roll at full-market value, and authorizes the allocation of sufficient resources for Town staff and services to complete such project, and BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the Town Board further requests that the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services and the Columbia County Real Property Tax Service Agency provide assistance that is typically afforded during such projects to the Chatham Town Assessor, and BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the Town Board further authorizes and directs the Town Assessor to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services and the Columbia County Real Property Tax Service Agency and authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, Town Assessor and/or Town Clerk to take such other and further actions as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Offered by Councilman Weldon, second by Councilman Balcom.

Wapner wanted to know if anyone had spoken to Dan Horst and asked him if he had the resources to do the job. Lull said no but additional resources weren't needed.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 46-2019 in support of Columbia County Environmental Management Council Resolution on Carbon Fee & Dividend, a Policy to Address Climate Change.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board wishes to support the Columbia County Environmental Management Council's resolution on a carbon fee and dividend to address a policy on Climate Change, per the attached resolution. Offered by Councilman Weldon, second by Councilman Richardson.

VOTE

AYE: Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon ABSTAIN: Lull NAY: None Resolution adopted

Columbia County Environmental Management Council Resolutions on Carbon Fee and Dividend, a Policy to Address Climate Change

Whereas the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in its recent comprehensive review of climate science, concludes that a failure to act rapidly to cap the increase in global average temperatures to 1.5° C. will dramatically increase the risk of catastrophic impacts from climate change by 2050;

Whereas the just released fourth National Climate Assessment also shows how global warming impacts will be multiplied by disruptions to energy, transportation and other infrastructure that cascade across economic sectors and how, in the worst case, impacts could total 10 percent of U.S. GDP by the end of the century;

Whereas the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has reported evidence of numerous local impacts from climate disruption including: higher average temperatures and worsening heat waves, more severe storms, changing precipitation patterns that bring about more inland flooding as well as more periods of drought, higher sea levels that intensify coastal flooding along the Hudson River, and damaging impacts to public health from heat waves, worsening air quality, more allergens and more insect-borne illnesses such as Lyme Disease;

Whereas the results of a changing climate have also had adverse effects on the economic health of local farms and businesses, caused more flooding and weather-related damage to our roads and bridges, and put additional stress on municipal budgets;

Whereas scientific consensus indicates that warming temperatures and climate disruption can be mitigated by replacing fossil-fuel based energy with currently available clean-energy technologies that increase efficiency and make use of non-polluting renewable power sources such as solar, wind and hydroelectric;

Whereas economists across the political spectrum, including recent Nobel Laureate William Nordhaus, support a policy that puts a price on greenhouse-gas emissions to reflect the true cost to society of fossil-fuel use;

Whereas pursuant to article 47 of the State of New York's Environmental Conservation Law, it is the responsibility of this council to advise on all matters affecting the preservation of the natural resources of the county;

Whereas multiple economic analyses have shown that a predictably rising carbon fee or tax would result in an effective, market-driven shift of our energy system without requiring the elaborate government regulations that often trigger legal challenges and partisan political conflict;

Whereas the analyses show that the rising price signal would also stimulate innovations in clean energy technologies that would drive economic and job growth while mitigating the risks of climate change;

Whereas some analyses have additionally shown that a policy called Carbon Fee and Dividend, which returns the revenues from emissions fees in equal shares as dividends to American households, would help offset the impact of higher energy prices -- especially for those in lower to middle income brackets -- and even act as an economic stimulus for local communities;

Therefore, be it resolved that this Council supports Carbon Fee and Dividend as an environmentally effective and economically responsible way to combat climate change;

Be it further resolved that this Council recommends that the individual municipalities in Columbia County as well as the County Board of Supervisors consider passing similar resolutions to inform our elected officials at the federal level of local support for this policy.

Adopted unanimously on November 26, 2018

- Resolution 47-2019 authorizing a Public Hearing for Local Law 1 of 2019.

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to enact Local Law Number 1 of 2019 to provide the setting of building and other fees to be charged by the Town in resolution form rather than by amending the provisions of Town Code, and WHEREAS, a public hearing is required before the enactment of said local law, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby directs that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Chatham on February 21, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Town of Chatham Town Hall to hear all interested parties regarding adoption of proposed Local Law entitled Local Law No.1 of the year 2019 to A local law to Delete Town Code Chapter A-190. Fees and to modify Town Code Section 124-16 to permit the Town Board to set all Building and other fees by resolution, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of public hearing in the official newspaper as designated by the Town Board and that copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office.

Offered by Councilman Balcom, second by Councilman Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 48-2019 to appoint members of the new Economic Stabilization Committee.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has approved an Economic Development Committee in its 2019 Organizational Meeting appointments, and WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to adjust the name of the

committee to the Economic Stabilization Committee, and WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to appointment Randi Walker and Van Calhoun to the Economic Stabilization Committee, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board adjusts the name of the committee to be the Economic Stabilization Committee and appoints Randi Walker and Van Calhoun to said Committee.

Offered by Councilman Richardson, second by Weldon

Wapner asked why the name change and Richardson explained that the word “development means growth to people and the word “stabilization” is more in line with “keeping Chatham Chatham” by supporting what is already here.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 49-2019 to accept the financial abstract as presented to pay the Town bills.

Offered by Councilman Balcom, second by Councilman Weldon

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 50-2019 to accept the Town Account’s financial Supervisor’s Report of December 31, 2018. Offered by Councilman Balcom, second by Councilman Wapner

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 51-2019 to approve the minutes of the Town Board Meeting(s) of December 20, 2018 and January 3, 2019.

Offered by Councilman Weldon, second by Councilman Balcom.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 52-2019 to approve \$220.00 for insurance for ice skating at Crellin Community Park.

Offered by Councilman Weldon, second by Councilman Wapner

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 53-2019 to approve 2018 Budget transfers.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Chatham Town Board authorizes the Budget Officer to make the following

Amendments to Budget Appropriations for 2018 due to overspending of the following accounts:

TRANSFER FROM	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	TRANSFER TO	ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	CREDIT
Legislative Board	A1010.112	Position 2	Legislative Board	A1010.473	Advertising	\$43.06
Justice	A1110.477	Education	Justice	A1110.131	Court Clerk 2	\$154.00
Contingency	A1990.4	Contingency	Finance	A1310.492	Professional CE Accounting	\$3,712.00
Contingency	A1990.4	Contingency	Assessor	A1355.121	Clerk-Typist	\$109.82
FUND A	X	Fund Balance	Engineer	A1440.493	Engineer	\$29,492.87
Buildings	A1620.497	Cleaning Service	Buildings	A1620.494	Profess Tech	\$55.00
Contingency	A1990.4	Contingency	Traffic Control	A3310.497	EEP	\$8,519.42
Supt of Hwy	A5010.2	Equipment	Garage	A5132.422	Heating Oil	\$709.65
Supt of Hwy	A5010.496	DOT Testing	Garage	A5132.422	Heating Oil	\$227.97
FUND A	X	Fund Balance	Garage	A5132.442	Equipment Rental	\$1,483.08
FUND A	X	Fund Balance	Garage	A5132.462	Garage Repair & Maint	\$3,070.14
FUND A	X	Fund Balance	Garage	A5132.464	Garage Supplies	\$1,056.18
Contingency	A1990.4	Contingency	Parks Equipment	A7110.2	Equipment	\$4,483.30
Parks	A7110.421	Electric	Parks	A7110.423	Gas/Propane	\$103.26
Parks	A7110.462	Building Repair	Parks	A7110.469	Grounds Maintenance	\$225.53
Parks	A7110.462	Building Repair	Parks	A7110.498	Profess Garbage	\$1.50
Retirement Reserve	A878	Retirement Reserve	Retirement	A9010.8	Retirement	\$4,442.81
Contingency	A1990.4	Contingency	Social Security	A9030.8	Social Security	\$99.67
Contingency	A1990.4	Contingency	Unemployment	A9050.8	Unemployment	\$1,463.83
Contingency	A1990.4	Contingency	Disability Insurance	A9055.8	Disability	\$98.00
Contingency	A1990.4	Contingency	Health Insurance	A9060.8	Health insurance	\$1,405.26
Contingency	A1990.4	Contingency	Health Insurance	A9089.864	MedB	\$1,482.00
Snow Removal	DA5142.465	Motor Fuel	Brush & Weeds	DA5140.499	Profess Tree	\$3,125.00
FUND DA	X	Fund Balance	Snow Removal	DA5142.481	Road Materials	\$34,992.62
					TOTAL:	\$100,555.97

Offered by Councilman Balcom, second by Councilman Weldon.

Lull said that at budget time we'll have to pay attention to these budget transfers and budget more carefully to avoid the need for transfers in the future. Tammy Shaw sends out monthly reports to all department so there is no need for anyone to overspend.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 54-2019 to approve appropriation of \$400 to the Friends of Tracy for the celebration WHERE, the Village of Chatham, New York, will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year, and WHEREAS, the Friends of the Tracy Memorial Building have requested the Town of Chatham's support in the amount of \$400.00 towards the celebration, and THEREFORE, the Town Board approves the allocation of \$400.00 to the Friends of the Tracy Memorial Building for the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Chatham, and Create line A7550.499 titled "Celebrations" funded at \$400, and Reduce A1990.4 titled "Contingency" by \$400.

Offered by Councilman Richardson, second by Councilman Weldon

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 55-19 to approve 2019 Highway Law 284 Agreement.
WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board and the Superintendent of Highways are required by Highway Law § 284 to enter into a written agreement stating the places and manner in which the Highway Fund appropriations for repairs and improvements are to be expended; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Chatham Town Board hereby accepts the 284 Agreement, submitted by the Highway Superintendent, to spend Town Highway Funds in 2019.

Offered by Councilman Weldon, seconded by Councilman Balcom.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

- Resolution 56-2019 amending reserve fund balance names.

WHEREAS, The Chatham Town Board established a Fund Balance Policy in order to maintain adequate levels of fund balance, and WHEREAS, The Town Board needs to adjust the name of the reserve funds listed in the Fund Balance Policy to more closely match the needs of the town, and be it RESOLVED, the Fund Balance Policy shall be amended to reflect the following reserve funds; "Capital Reserve Funds, Capital Reserve for Town Buildings and Equipment Repair, and Capital Reserve for Contingency and Tax Stabilization."

Offered by Councilman Weldon, second by Councilman Balcom

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

RES. #57-19 AUTHORIZING THE RESCHEDULING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEW ZONING LAW

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham Town Board passed the Comprehensive Plan in 2009, convened a Zoning Implementation Committee, a Zoning Advisory Committee, and held a Public Information Meeting and two Public Hearings, and WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to enact a new Zoning Code, and WHEREAS, a Public Hearing is required before the enactment of a new Zoning Code and was scheduled for February 7, 2019, and WHEREAS, more time is needed to complete the revision on the proposed zoning law, as well as, provide the public with time to review, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby directs that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Chatham on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6 PM at the Town of Chatham Town Hall, 488 State Route 295, Chatham, New York, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of public hearing for Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6 PM in the official newspaper as designated by the Town Board and that copies of said proposed Zoning Code are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town website.

Offered by Councilman Weldon, second by Councilman Balcom.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

On a motion by Councilman Balcom, second by Councilman Weldon and carried the meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted by, Beth Anne Rippel, RMC, Town Clerk/Tax Collector